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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by email to SuiteAforms@opm.gov, or by contacting Alexys Stanley, 202–606–1800, or U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Suitability Executive Agent Programs, P.O. Box 699, Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection (OMB No. 3206–0005) was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 2023, at 88 FR 33943, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received.

The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Background

The Questionnaire for National Security Positions, Standard Form 86 (SF 86) is completed by civilian employees of the Federal Government, military personnel, and non-Federal employees who perform work for or on behalf of the Federal Government. For applicants for civilian Federal employment, the SF 86 is to be used only after a conditional offer of employment has been made. The Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) and National Background Investigation Systems (NBIS) are web-based applications that house the SF 86. A

variable in assessing burden hours is the nature of these electronic applications. The electronic applications include branching questions and instructions which provide for an efficient collection of information from the respondent based on varying factors in the respondent’s personal history. The burden on the respondent is reduced when the respondent does not have personal history relevant to particular questions. Therefore, the questions do not expand for additional details.

OPM recommends renewal of the form without any proposed changes. This recommendation is due to the forthcoming plan to replace the SF 86 with the Personnel Vetting Questionnaire, which is currently under review for approval by the Office of Management and Budget (87 FR 71700 and 88 FR 12703).

Analysis

Agency: Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Questionnaire for National Security Positions, Standard Form 86 (SF 86).

OMB Number: 3206–0005.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Number of Respondents: 470,124.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 150 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 1,175,310.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kayyonne Marston,

Federal Register Liaison.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2022–88; CP2023–104]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: *Comments are due:* August 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Market Dominant or the Competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s website (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.¹

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Market Dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern Competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

¹ See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: CP2022–88; *Filing Title*: USPS Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service & Parcel Select Contract 16, Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: July 31, 2023; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative*: Gregory S. Stanton; *Comments Due*: August 8, 2023.

2. *Docket No(s)*: CP2023–104; *Filing Title*: USPS Notice of Amendment to Priority Mail, Parcel Select & Parcel Return Service Contract 1, Filed Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: July 28, 2023; *Filing Authority*: 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative*: Gregory S. Stanton; *Comments Due*: August 8, 2023.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–98033; File No. SR–NYSEARCA–2023–48]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend a Representation Regarding the VanEck Merk Gold Trust

August 1, 2023.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)² and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on July 19, 2023, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend a representation regarding the VanEck Merk Gold Trust. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, at the

principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Commission has previously approved a proposed rule change relating to listing and trading on the Exchange of shares of the Trust (the “Shares”) under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E (Commodity-Based Trust Shares).⁴ The Commission subsequently noticed for immediate effectiveness a proposed rule change to replace references to the “London Gold Fix” in the Prior Order with the “LBMA Gold Price.”⁵ Pursuant to the Prior Notice, the Trust currently uses the LBMA Gold Price as the benchmark price for purposes of calculating the net asset value (“NAV”) of the Shares of the Trust.

The Exchange now proposes to amend the representation in the Prior Notice to replace references to the “LBMA Gold Price” with the “Solactive Gold Spot Index” (the “Index”). Pursuant to this proposed rule change, the Trust would use the Solactive Gold Spot Index as the benchmark price for purposes of calculating the NAV of Shares of the Trust.

According to the Trust’s current registration statement on Form S–3,⁶

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71378 (January 23, 2014), 79 FR 4786 (January 29, 2014) (SR–NYSEARCA–2013–137) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, To List and Trade Shares of the Merk Gold Trust Pursuant to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.201) (the “Prior Order”).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74544 (March 19, 2015), 80 FR 15840 (March 25, 2015) (SR–NYSEARCA–2015–19) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the LBMA Gold Price as a Replacement for the London Gold Fix for Certain Gold Related Exchange Traded Products) (the “Prior Notice”).

⁶ On May 12, 2023, the Trust filed Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to its registration statement on

Solactive AG (“Solactive” or the “Index Calculator”) owns, calculates, and disseminates the Index. The Index is a U.S. Dollar denominated index that aims to provide a price fixing for the gold spot price for London delivery gold bullion quoted as U.S. Dollars per Troy Ounce (“XAU”) and determined as of the time trading closes on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”).⁷ The Index calculates gold bullion fixing prices by taking Time Weighted Average Prices (“TWAP”)⁸ of XAU trading prices provided via ICE Data Services (“IDS”) data feed.⁹

Specifically, according to the Registration Statement, the Index uses a TWAP calculation to determine an average price that is time-weighted, using prices of actual transactions (“Trade Ticks”) for two specified time periods around the scheduled close of trading on the NYSE (generally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day that the NYSE is open for trading.¹⁰ The TWAP is derived for (1) the period ahead of the fixing (“Time Period 1”), which consists of the five minutes before the close of trading, and (2) the period directly after the fixing (“Time Period 2”), which consists of the six seconds after the close of trading. The TWAPs for Time Period 1 and Time Period 2 are each multiplied by their respective weightings, with 90% weighting given to Time Period 1 and 10% weighting given to Time Period 2. When added together, the two TWAPs result in a

Form S–3 (the “Registration Statement”) (File No. 333–238022).

⁷ Solactive calculates the Index pursuant to the Index Guideline publicly available at https://www.solactive.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Solactive_Gold_Spot_Index_Methodology_Guideline_20230206.pdf. Index data are publicly available at <https://www.solactive.com/indices/?index=DE000SLOFW35>.

⁸ TWAP is a widely used measure in the financial industry to calculate the average price of a security or traded asset over a specific time period. TWAP is calculated by dividing the total trade value by the total trading time, thereby providing an average price that reflects market conditions over a defined timeframe. The TWAP methodology helps mitigate the impact of large trades on market prices by providing an average price based on numerous current market transactions and mitigates the effects of erroneous or spurious pricing data points, which effects can significantly lower the level of confidence in single transaction data points at a specific time. Different weightings can be selected for the TWAP methodology to provide a check on average prices derived before a local market closing, for instance, by overweighting prices immediately after the local market close.

⁹ Solactive receives real-time data via IDS’s “Spot Gold (Also Loco London Gold)” data feed. The spot gold prices utilized by the Index are those for gold bullion deliverable in London. The Trust’s gold is also valued on a loco London basis.

¹⁰ The NYSE’s trading hours and holidays observed are available at: <https://www.nyse.com/markets/hours-calendars>.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4.